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LAST DAY'S DRIVE MAY CARRY TOTAL TO MAXIMUM MARK

iberty Loan Gathers Momentum in Its Race to Finish.

EVERY AVAILABLE DOLLAR **NEEDED TO WIN FIGHT** 

Reports From Every Section of Country Rolling Up Tremendous Figures.

NOW CLOSE TO \$4,000,000,000

Except for Dallas and San Francisco All Districts Pass Their Minimum.

WASHINGTON, October 26.—The dberty loan was gathering momentum -night in its race to the finish. Four undred and thirty million dollars casured the day's advance, and with he total nearing \$4,000,000,000, it boked as if the tremendous driving ower of 2,000,000 field workers might arry it across the \$5,000,000,000 line. "One more day remains," Secretary

cAdoo announced to-night. "Le ery patriot of America who has not ibscribed place his name to-day upon ne roll of honor of the nation as a ubscriber to the second Liberty loan. he man who is able to subscribe and besn't will, or ought to, be a condence-stricken citizen on Sunday

als asserted, to bring the total up to oubled energy for the last billion on

At 9 o'clock to-night the esticonservative figure, with indications hat the \$4,000,000,000 mark might be otals.

ONLY TWO DISTRICTS NOT UP TO MINIMUM

Except for Dallas and San Francisco, Il districts had passed their minimum Hotments, and it seemed certain, the reasury Department announced, that everal districts would go well beyond heir maximum.

"the announcement said. "Boston, leveland and Philadelphia probably Some of them must, if the 5,000,000,000 mark is to be attained. or a few districts, including Dallas, atlanta and Kansas City, probably annot reach their nigh quotas, though hey are working relentlessly."

New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Cleveland districts, by touching their naximum quotas, would add \$615,060,as it stands to-night. oringing the grand total up to \$4,250,-

The official figures-representing subeserve banks-the estimated subscriptions and the maximum quotas of the arious districts as made public by the department to-night are as foi-

mated, \$1,275,000,000; quota, \$1,500,000,- \$229,350.

Boston-Official, \$230,700,000; estinated, \$375,000,000; quota, \$500,000,000. Cleveland-Official, \$234,170,000; estinated, \$325,000,000; quota, \$500,000,000. Chicago-Official, \$230,416,000; estinated, \$450,000,000; quota, \$700,000.000.

Richmond-Official, \$101,324,000; estinated, \$160,000,000; quota, \$200,000,000. Minneapolis-Official, \$92.850,000; esimated, \$110,000,000; quota, \$175,000,-

timated, \$325,000,000; quota, \$415,000,-

San Francisco-Official, \$\$3,120,000: estimated, \$200,000,000; quota, \$350,000,-St. Louis-Official, \$77,638,000; esti-

mated, \$150.000,000; quota, \$200,000,000. Kansas City-Official, \$42,320,000; estimated, \$120,000,000; quota, \$200,000,- ed to \$44.8.

Dallas-Official, \$30,410,000; nated, \$65.000.000; quota, \$125,000,000. Atlanta-Official, \$22,437,000: estimated, \$80,000,000; quota, \$135,000,000. Totals-Official, \$2,286,836,000; estimated, \$3,615,000.000; quota, \$5,000,000,-

ESTIMATED FIGURES

REGARDED CONSERVATIVE The estimated subscriptions repreent what the committee believes to he conservative figures of the amount of actual subscriptions up to the close f business to-night.

"Unofficial totals from every Federal reserve district," the departmen a anouncement reads, "show that at least \$3,635.000,000 has been subscribed. best, these are only estimates, and are thought to be conservative. Many local committees have not reported, and low estimates have been assigned to

"From one end of the nation to the other, the banks and other subscription agencies will remain open tomorrow to accommedate late buyers. None will be turned away up to mid-

There is not a chance, officials assert, that even an approximation of the final figures will be available tomorrow night. All districts will be working till midnight. This means that the San Francisco district will not close its campaign till 3 A. M. Sunday, Eastern time. After that the cturns are to be tabulated, and as

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What Prominent Men Say of Liberty Loan

WASHINGTON, October 26 .- Secetary Danlels:

"To-morrow night America will take the second great step toward burying the Kaiser under scraps of paper, every scrap of paper a Liberty bond." Secretary Redfield:

"We will probably pass the \$5,000,000,000 to-morrow. We will do it again if necessary." Secretary Bakeri

"The soldiers are not only willing to share in bearing its other bur-

General Bliss: "The success of the great loan means the same as doubling our

Admiral Benson: "Nothing can be more cheering to the men of the navy than to know their country has lined up behind

### MAXIMUM QUOTA MORE THAN TREBLED BY CAMP

Men of National Army Turn in Subscriptions for \$1,783,250 of

Liberty Loan.

Remarkable Showing Made by Eightieth Division, More Than a Bond for Millions in Outside Sales.

croops at Camp Les more than trebled HEAVY SUBSCRIPTIONS the maximum amount of Liberty bond subscriptions set for them at the be-Every agency through- ginning of the campaign here. Anthe officers, enlisted men and permanent civilian employees at the camp Reports from every section are roll- had subscribed to a total of \$1.783.250 E up tremendous totals at the Treas- worth of Liberty bonds during the nated subscriptions of the nation has been carried on. This represents stood at \$3,625,000,000, admittedly a a per capita for the entire camp of are supporting the government in a servedly behind the country in the war. START OF EIGHTHETH

AUGURS WELL FOR FUTURE This does not represent the complete start that augus well for the future lundred and Nineteen h Regiment, of ennsylvania, whose men secured from the amount of \$4,317,900, and of which official bulletin issued to-day. Members other organizations in the camp are now engaged in similar work, and it is expected that before the Liberty bond campaign throughout the coun-

efforts of men in this camp. flundred and Nineteenth Regiment, it is authoritatively known, making glory on the colored race. which turned in subscriptions from its the State's total last night slightly IMPRESSIVE ADDRESSES New York-Official, \$992,571,000; esti- regiment alone to the amount of in excess of \$35,000,000. Members of Twentieth, also of Pennsylvania, came tion those banking institutions not resecond in the list, with subscriptions porting and others which have anginia regiments were fourth and fifth Seventeenth Regiment winding up with loan. a total of \$176,150, which the Three

The highest per capita in the camp was made by the Motor Truck Company, which registered an average of \$135 for each man in the organization. Philadelphia-Official, \$89.880,000; es- Coming second was the Quartermaster Training School, with a per capita of \$132, the School for Cooks and Bakers being third with a per capita of \$130.9. and Bakery Company No. 1 making the next highest rate of \$110.50. The rate Regiment was \$52.5, while that of the Three Hundred and Eighteenth amount-

RESULTS OF CAMPAIGN IN CAMP LEE UNITS

The following are the results of the campaign in each regiment and sep- and \$25,000, respectively. The National arate unit in the cantonment, with the exception of those already mentioned: 020, has subscribed \$29,300. The Farm-Depot Brigade, \$196,050; Three Hun-ers' Bank of Franklin, apportioned dred and Fourteenth Field Artillery, artillery, \$93,650; Three Hundred and Fifth Trains, \$84,950; Three Hundred Three Hundred and Fifteenth Machine scribed \$38,500. Gun Battalion, \$28,050; Three Hundred CAMP LEE MEN GET Thirteenth Machine Gun talion, \$22,000; Quartermaster Training School, \$21,150; School for Cooks and Bakers, \$18,850; Base Hospital \$18,250; Quartermaster Detachment, \$16,200: Trench Mortar Battery, \$15,250; Bakery Company No. 1, \$11,050; Field Signal Battalion, \$10,750; Auxiliary Remount Depot, \$5,850; Motor Truck Company, \$5,150: Headquarters Detachment, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Field Artillery Brigade, \$3,000; Headquarters Detachment. One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Infantry Brigade, \$1.550; Three Hundred and Fourteenth Machine Gun Battalion, \$850; headquarters, One Hundred and Sixtieth Brigade, \$250; and division headquarters, headquarters troops and subscriptions from miscel-

laneous sources, \$173,850. Major-Géneral Cronkhite gave bie unqualified support to the campaign in the camp, and authorized every movement that would aid in the sale of Liberty bonds. The officers worked hard on the campaign, and the men

this in itself is a task involving long also did a big part of the work. Lieu-(Continued on Third Page.)

## \$114,470,000 NOW | ALL HONOR PAID IN FIFTH DISTRICT

Loan Believed in Easy Striking Distance.

VIRGINIA RAISES SHARE MEETING FOLLOWS PARADE

Pass Figure Set by Department.

With subscriptions aggregating \$114.- What was undoubtedly the most entabulated by George J. Scay, governor of the reserve bank, showed a shortage of more than \$500,000. Bankers were encouraged last night, and forecast heavy subscriptions in every section to-day that will bring he total considerably above the al-

Virginia likewise made a substantial friends. pass under the wire. Returns already MAKES PER CAPITA OF \$63.96 tabulated by the central committee how total subscriptions in the State of approximately \$35,000,000, which is \$8,000,000 more than its minimum apportionment, and bankers are hopeful a Man Being Taken-Responsible that the total will go beyond \$40,000,-With a large number of banks not reporting, the committee believes there will be a vast number of sub-CAMP LEE, VA., October 26 .- The scriptions sent in at the last moment.

In Richmond the drive for small subioan committee showed many pledges speakers to the drafted men.

District, at the request of Governor democracy, said that the Eightieth Division must total subscriptions may be brought as

VIRGINIA'S TOTAL NOW

The Three Hundred and the committee, taking into consideraments, expect the State to subscribe

\$11,200, subscribed \$22,500; the Church with honor and victory." Street Bank of Norfolk, apportioned \$28,980, subscribed \$41,200; American burg, apportioned \$109,340, subscribed \$110,000; Rank of Cane Charles, appertioned \$51,660, subscribed \$52,000; People's Bank of Stephens City, apportioned \$14,600, subscribed \$14,000; Bank of Riverhead. Greenesville, apportioned for the Three Hundred and Seventeenth \$13,000, subscribed \$13,000; the Mercantile Bank of Norfolk, apportioned portioned \$1,142,540, subscribed \$1,190,-

Orange and Toano subscribed \$73,000 Bank of Chilhowie, apportioned \$27.-\$7,000, has subscribed \$7,050. \$113.400; Three Hundred and Fifteenth First National Bank of Lynchburg, apportioned \$\$17,320, has subscribed \$1 .-The Waynesboro National and Thirteenth Field Artillery, \$81,850; Bank, apportioned \$35,980, has sub-

NUMEROUS SUBSCRIPTIONS Seventy-five men from Camp Lee tered many subscriptions. Many of them will continue their work to-day. many small subscribers. These men canvassed small manufacturing plants ployed, and which had not been visited before during the campaign.

Morton G. Thalhimer, assisted by eight men from Camp Lee, conducted a meeting at noon at the plant of the British-American Tobacco Company, on North Lombardy Street, and secured subscriptions slightly in \$10,000. Mr. Thalhimer made a short talk, urging the men and women to the soldiers entered the subscriptions. Assisting Mr. Thalhimer were Lieu-(Continued on Second Page.)

BALTIMORE BY BOAT.

# TO COLORED MEN

Minimum Allotment of Liberty City Witnesses Demonstration Which Breathes Patriotism and Enthusiasm.

First State in This Division to City Auditorium Is Packed-Contingent Leaves for Camp Lee To-Day.

17,000 at the close of business, the thusiastic and most patriotic demon-Fifth Federal Reserve District forged stration ever undertaken by the colto the front yesterday, and was within ored people of Richmond took place easy striking distance of its minimum last night, when a monster parade, Unofficial three miles in length, and a great massreports placed the total subscriptions meeting was held at the City Audileave for Camp Lee this morning. Many of the people of the city stated that the celebration was one of the finest exhibitions of patriotism and loyalty ever seen in the city. It seemed as though every colored person in the city turned to bid farewell to departing

gain and passed its minimum figure. Leigh Street, to Eigh, ih Street, to Broad Street, to Belvidere Street, to Franklin Street, to Laurel Street, to Cary Street and to the City Auditorium the parade moved, a parade composed of every colored organization in the city, among them the Coloned Branch of the American Red Cross, school children, lodges and other organizations representative of the race in the city. MAYOR AINSLEE FIRST

SPEAKER ON PROGRAM Long before the divisions of the parade arrived at the Auditorium, the gallery was filled, and after persons in the parade took their seats, there siderable success. Reports from the It was simply the outpouring of colvarious banks at the close of business ored people for a definite purpose, and subscriptions, while that purpose was their desire to hear returns at the headquarters of the the farewell temarks of prominent

The meeting was opened with the inging of "America." followed by The greatest effort in the entire cam- prayer. Rev. W. T. Johnson, the movpaign will probably be made to-day, ing spirit in he celebration, presided. when a final attempt will be made to and in opening the meeting said that obtain subscriptions from every one the colored people were gathered to-Banks throughout the Fifth willing to lay down their lives for

o-night to accommodate those who and he opened his address by saying have not been able to place their sub- that if the German Kaiser could witscriptions. Bankers have been urged ness the gathering he would recognize make a tremendous effort the last the fact that America was determined others have far exceeded expectations, that they are Americans and Virginhe city of Pittsburgh subscriptions to in others the response has not been lans, and that they should do all in

A very eloquent ered by John Mitchell. Jr., editor of "it" when the question was put squarely bituminous coal. EXCEEDS \$35,000,000 the "Planet," who called upon the up to him to-day.

Instructions have been sent to United northward toward Laon.

States attorneys conducting these local MAY ABANDON TERRITORY Returns received by the Virginia drafted men to fight till the last drop criptions officially reported to Federal try is closed, several additional mil- central committee show subscriptions of blood in their veins, remindtions of bonds will be sold through the of slightly less than \$20,000,000, ex- ing them they fought for a noble cause. clusive of Richmond's total. This city and that they should acquit themselves Moore. Leading the campaign is the Three has subscribed more than \$17,000,000, in a way that will reflect honor and

when he said that "glory is not the in the final, the Three Hundred and not less than \$40,000,000 to the second glory of any color, fame is not the heritage of any race and for that reason I Among cities in the State reporting call upon you drafted men to be strong White House. Another was Granville

Several other impressive speeches Bank and Trust Company of Peters- Roscoe C. Brown, colored; Maggie Walker, colored, and Dr. It

called forth applause when he said, "it matters not where they carry the flag, you follow it; and if they shoot away the flag carry on the staff."

The meeting was brought to a close with short talks by Mrs. John Stewart \$44,520, subscribed \$50,000, and the Na- Bryan, Mrs. B. B. Munford, Coleman tional Exchange Bank of Roanoke, ap- Wortham, H. W. Ellerson, Mary E. (Continued on Second Page.)

> Reasons Why Col. Thos. B. McAdams, Vice-Pres. of the Merchants Nat'l Bank Bought Liberty Ponds

BECAUSE this is an hour for ser-

DECAUSE the government calls up on its young men to make an unlimited personal sacrifice.

BECAUSE It is my duty through this investment to help furnish the funds necessary to equip and feed them on the battle

BECAUSE I believe implicitly in 11b erty, justice and the protection of the helpless, and I know that unless we are successful in this war these ideals shall be snat-

BECAUSE I believe if we fall to

help our country in the present

emergency, we contribute to the success of the enemy. BECAUSE I know of no reason why a person should not subscribe except those which are born in selfishness, indifference and dis-

loyalty.

# FRENCH DRAWING CLOSER TO LAON

#### Brazil in State of War With Germany by Vote of Its Deputies and Senate

(By Associated Press.) RIO JANEIRO, October 26.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day, by an almost unanimous vote, declared that a state of war existed between Germany and Brazil. The vote was

The tribunes of the chamber were filled to capacity. After a debate on the opportuneness of proclaiming martial law, the president of the diplomatic commission spoke in

"A state of war between Brazil and Germany is hereby acknowledged and proclaimed. The President of the republic is authorized to adopt the measures enunciated in his message of the 25th of October, and to take all steps tending to insure national defense and public security."

The virtually unanimous vote of the deputies was received with general acclamation. President Braz has sanctioned the

proclamation of a state of war with Germany. The Senate unanimously approved

the proclamation of a state of war with Germany. According to the newspapers, tor-

pedo-bont destroyers have received orders to proceed to Bahia and take possession of the German gunboat Eber, which has been lying there for some time.

scizure of all German ships interned in Brazilian ports, and their employment as carriers of food and supplies for the allies. Actual milltary co-operation with America and he allies by Brazil's well-prepared land and sea forces is expected to follow shortly.

Brazil's course throughout has een analogous with that of the United States. Public and official indignation and the resolve to delare war came to a head as a resuit of the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamship Macau in the Bay of Biscay, the fourth Brazilian ship to be sent to the bottom by the Teuton submarines with the aggravating circumstance of the arrest of

Brazil was the first of the larger outh American republics to follow terday, but every address in the course of to-day's debate preceding the war declaration, was marked by suphasis on the point that the war has been deliberately thrust upon this republic, and that Brazil's attitude is a defensive one, it being incompatible with the country's honor

#### FRONT IN BETTER LINE FOR ATTACK Another Swift Offensive Launched in Early Hours of Morning.

MOST OF OBJECTIVES SET OUT FOR ARE TAKEN Austro-German Armies Fast Developing Drive Against

ITALIANS FORCED TO YIELD

Cadorna's Men.

Lose 30,000 Prisoners and More Than 300 Guns to Enemy.

Fresh gains of terrain by the British and French forces on the Ypres sector by the French north of the Aisne River and by the combined German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the Ausro-Italian theater are recorded in the latest official communication from London, Paris and Berlin. The new gains of the British and French in Flanders were obtained in another swift and decisive offensive launched in the early hours of the morning over the front between the southern edge of the Houtholst wood and the region of Gheluvelt. Bad weather and soggy. ground hampered the operations to some extent, and all the objectives set out for could not be taken. A majority of them, however, rested in the hands of the allies at the end of the day's fighting, and a considerable number of prisoners and guns also were captured. More than 800 prisoners fell into the hands of Field Marshal Haig's

With the important railroad junction Promptly Under Direction of De- of Laon their objective, the French troops are continuing their pressure against the forces of the German Crown Prince north of the Aisne River. In another attack on the right the village of Filain has been capwholesale prices of coal throughout the plateau north of Epine de Chevregny, tured, a footing has been gained on the and the enemy has been forced to give ground north of La Chapelle-Saint great in importance as those of previous days on the center and west Colonel Moore acknowledged he was Middle West, both as to anthracite and front and place the entire line in a East and alignment with the remai better position for another smash

> TO HOLD DOWN LOSSES That the attack may not be necessary, however, is forecast by the military expert of the Berlin Tageblatt, who, while belittling the chances of the ultimate success of the French opera-

ions, asserts that it is not outside the German rules of warfare voluntarily to abandon territory not essential to Germany's great tactical plan, in order that losses may be reduced. The Austro-German armies on the Isonzo front are fast developing their offensive against General Cadorna's forces. Already the Italians on the northern wing of the twenty-five mile

where the battle is waging on Italian territory. TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT To the south, the situation of the Disposition of these complaints is one Italians admittedly is precarious. Even administration, it is understood, and the evacuation of the Bainsizza-Helinaction concerning them probably will gengeist plateau is necessary-a retirebe taken within a few days. Indica- ment which will render null in a great tions are that the bulk of the com- measure the brilliant advance of the

The combined German and Austrothe charges can be established-will be Hungarian forces up to the present are declared by the Berlin War Office to have captured in excess of 30,000 prisoners ,and more than 300 guns, and it is stated that these figures hourly are be-

ing augmented. RUSSIANS ON TRAIL

OF RETREATING GERMANS The German retreat along the northern Russian front still continues, Russians endeavoring to take up the pur-Each independent transaction consti- suit have reached the Riga-Orel railway, but have not come within sight of the enemy. On the Esthonian coast, the Germans again have endeavored to make a landing on the Werder peninsula to re-enforce the troops successfully put ashore there last week. The

Russians, however, drove them off. Germany's eighteenth enemy has entered the field against her. By a virtually unanimous vote, the Brazilian Congress has passed a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between Germany and Brazil. The President of the republic has sanctioned the

POSITION OF RUSSIAN FORCES IMPROVING

PETROGRAD, Thursday, October 25. In connection with the official reports that coal dealers by the thousands have that the Germans are withdrawing some twenty versts to new lines on the Riga front. General Tcheremissoff, Violators of the law, if any, it is commander of the armies on the norththought, are the small minority who ern front, has reported to the governhave been tempted to take advantage ment that the position of the Russian forces is improving. He said they had

#### the Macau's engitain. the lead of the United States. The itio Janeiro government broke relations with Berlin on April 10. Not only the President's message yes-

to remain passive.

# DIMMED COLONEL'S EYE

Colonel Dan T. Moore, 310th Field Margin of Profits Allowed by Gov-Artillery Regiment, Tells of White House Incident.

MILITARY AID THERE IN 1905 RECEIVES MANY COMPLAINTS ment That Left Orbit Had Been Rendered Useless First Intimation

to Army Man How Blow Resulted. PHILADELPHIA, October 26,-Colonel Dan T. Moore, 310th Field Artilstationed at Camp Meade, is the man celt's left eye in a boxing bout in the country appeared to be in prospect to-White flouse in 1905, it was disclosed night,

Colonel Roosevelt acknowledged on

eye had been put out until I read his investigations statement on Monday," said Colonel your sins will find you out.

"Of course, I am sorry I struck the BY MEN AND WOMEN blow, and that the Colonel told about Following this address was the it. Although I never knew until speech of John Stewart Bryan, who read his statement that his eye had amounting to \$216,800. The two Vir- nounced they would take their allot. struck the keynote of the meeting been blinded, I instantly knew it was I to whom he referred, because there tion he gave who could have done it

Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment to- heavy subscriptions yesterday were: and courageous, be mindful of your Fortesque, later a war correspondent Citizens' Bank of Kinsale, apportioned duty and come back to Virginia covered in Europe, and now a major of the National Army, stationed at Camp Lee. Still another was Phil Sheridan, son were delivered by the following: Dr. of the hero of Winchester, who is immortalized in verse.

HIS BOXING OPPONENTS

"But the boxers of that time in the mit Roosevelt and myself. For opponents in other sports the President went further afield, but when he wished to don the gloves he chose Kermit or me. Fortesque may have opposed him occasionally, but I doubt it, and I don't think Phil Sheridan ever boxed with the President at all. That puts it

squarely up to me. Tell about the exact blow which blinded one of the President's eyes? It would be as easy to tell about the shell that killed any particular soldier in this war.

the Colonel, it was fight all the way. "No man in the ring with the President had any chance to keep track of particular blows. A good, fast referee years, or both. might have known, but nobody else, The Colonel wanted plenty of action. jured him. There was no chance to be thought, the government has little

wouldn't have stood for it. at the seriousness of the blow. I can't tracted for previously. do more and certainly won't do less."

Malone Turns Socialist.

NEW YORK, October 26.—Dudley Most of the latter complaints, it is proclamation of a state of war. Field Malone, who resigned as collector of the port of New York because of the arrest of suffragists who were picketing the White House at Washington, has decided to support Morris Hillquit, Socialist candidate for Mayor of New York, and the entire Socialist municipal ticket, it was announced to-

Local Sleeping Car to Danville.
Lv. Richmond 11:15 P. M. daily, and may
be occupied at Danville until 7:30 A. M.
SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM.—Adv.

### OFFICER AT CAMP MEADE | PROBE INTO COAL PRICES APPEARS IN PROSPECT

ernment Exceeded, Fuel Administrator Hears.

Former President's Recent State- Violators of Law, Which Provides men Heavy Penalties, to Be Prosecuted

> partment of Justice. WASHINGTON, October 26 .- A general investigation into the retail and

in a minor way, investigation of Berthe. Sunday that his left eye had been ren- prices consumers assert they have been dered useless by a "husky young artil- compelled to pay already has been fank of the attacking line, serve maso great, but the committees gave as- their power to reflect honor on the lery captain." He declined to give his started by the Department of Justice torially to bring the right wing into

to summon witnesses. determine the truth of the charges and "But I have felt ever since where justified, to bring promptly prohe told of losing the sight of one eye ceedings under the criminal law against that I should be smoked out. Be sure those believed to be guilty. The result of the inquiries so far has not been reported.

These instructions were based upon complaints received by the department here to the effect that the margin of profit allowed dealers by the government had been exceeded.

Measured by the great volume of complaints received by the fuel administration, the instances under investigation by the Department of Justice are comparatively inconsequential. Hundreds of letters and telegrams from front have been forced to give ground every section of the country, it is un- and at several places are back across derstood, have been sent to the fuel the Isonzo north and south of Tolmino, administration.

MAY TURN OVER COMPLAINTS.

White House were the President, Ker- of the subjects now pressing the fuel the Italian War Office announces that plaints, upon which criminal proceed- Italians in the summer campaign, ings might be brought-if the truth of turned over to the Department of Justice, with the suggestion that violators

of the law be prosecuted promptly. Heavy penalties are provided for violation of the law under which the President fixed the price to be charged for coal and margins allowed jobbers and dealers. Violators may be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than two

tutes a separate offense. Coupled with and he usually got it. He had no use the complaints charging that higher for a quitter or one who gave ground, prices than those authorized have been Nobody but a man who was willing to demanded and obtained are numerous fight all the time and all the way had protests from persons and firms allegany chance with him. That is my only ing that they have been unable to buy excuse for the fact that I seriously in- coal at any price. With these, it careful of the blows. He himself power to deal, except in cases where "I shall write the Colone! my regret to sell coal which had not been con-

HOME CONSUMERS HARD HIT BY SCARCITY Most of the latter complaints, it is

household consumption, who have been

hard hit by the scarcity of coal in various localities. The belief prevails among officials carried out, and are carrying out, the

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